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EDITORIAL

As regrettable as Charlie Egan's attitude is to the national team, it does raise serious questions about the progress being made by the Australian Soccer Federation in preparing for the World Cup qualifying series which starts in September.

We say regrettable because loyalty is and always has been an unwritten law at this level of competition.

The question that must be asked is: Would Egan have taken the same attitude towards his club, South Melbourne Hellas, if he had gripes about the way the team was being run?

And would Egan be taking this strong stance if he had established himself as Australia's No. 1 striker on the tour?

Consequences

On the other hand, he must have thought long and hard about the consequences of his statements. Just as surely as his Hellas teammate, John Yendell, was ostracised over the infamous Gutendorf Tapes episode, so Egan will be locked out of the inner sanctum.

It must therefore be assumed that his decision was prompted by a desire to help change things for the better.

Players have had public wrangles over wages at national team level, but there's never been anything like this!

Off-record

Egan is not the only one who has aired such views. The others, however, remain "off the record."

Most soccer writers have known about three incidents that took place on the world tour late last year, but have been loathe to write about them:

• a player urinated in a restaurant;
• another sprayed the interior of a hotel with a fire extinguisher;
• two players had a major punch-up in a hotel.

Sources in Sydney revealed these incidents in January, and although they have been common knowledge among players, officials and journalists, they were never published.

Egan says playing for Australia meant a lot to him, and although the breaking of ranks will be abhorred, a man who is willing to risk so much for the sake of what he believes, deserves to be listened to.

Top scorer shuns 'Roos and blasts 'amateur' set-up!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Charlie Egan's Socceroo career is over.

The leading 1985 National League scorer this week announced he is not interested in playing for Australia in the international series later this month, and in June.

He then launched a scathing attack on what he labelled the "amateurish" way in which the national team is run.

"I won't even ring Frank Arok and tell him about my decision. He can read about it in print. That's how much respect the national team deserves," said Egan.

"But I don't want people to get me wrong. Being picked for Australia was one of the highlights of my career but it breaks my heart to see the way things are run."

"Just see what happens when these international games come up soon. There's nothing surer than that at least six or seven new faces will appear in the team and that's a joke. What are we playing at? The World Cup qualifying games are just around the corner and we still haven't settled on a squad. What chance have we got of qualifying for the finals?"

Egan slammed what he called a "lack of loyalty" shown by the ASFA to national team players in recent years.

"Tommy Cumming got injured playing for Australia a few years back and was out of the game for a long time. Was he looked after by people at the top?"

"Look what happened to Peter Laumes and Harry Hird last year during training for the World Series games. Peter did his collar bone and no-one even took him to hospital. He had to get a taxi. Harry ended up needing knee reconstruction surgery after getting injured in a training game. Was he looked after?"

"It's about time that I returned the loyalty shown to me by my club, South Melbourne Hellas, by my wife and by my employer who allowed me time off to train and play for Australia."

Egan went on the Socceroos' world tour late last year. He played the least amount of games of the forwards in Arok's squad yet was leading scorer.

"That was a sightseeing tour more than anything else. It cost a lot of money to send us to see the Great Wall of China and all these temples but we're supposed to be soccer players playing for our country and nothing was achieved in that regard during the tour."

"I thought that the tour would be used to settle on a squad for this year and to get some sort of system organised but that wasn't the case. I played on the right wing, on the left and through the middle and all I

learnt about what was expected of me is that I was supposed to chase around like a mad dog."

The low point of that tour came when the Socceroos had to face the embarrassment of playing Tottenham Hotspur on a training ground.

"We used 20 players in that game. We should have used them at the one time for I'm sure no-one would have bothered. All that was missing was a guy with a pair of wellies running the line."

All the lads were really sick. We went there like a pack of beggars, pleading with Spurs to give us a game and look what happened. We got a wee meal after the match and a wee souvenir bag and the Spurs lads said that they'd see us soon in Australia. Well, they won't be seeing me in Australia, I can tell you."

"If I were arranging their trip here I'd send them to Nunawading or Frankston to play. That's all they deserve."

Egan started off in the Australia B team for last year's World Series

games but was elevated to the A team. He found a big difference in the level of unity in both squads.

"Thanks to guys like Tony Henderson and Gary Cole, the B team players got together with Eddie Thomson and decided to pool the bonus money. That wasn't the case with the A team where a lot of players were jealous of each other and were only interested in protecting their spots."

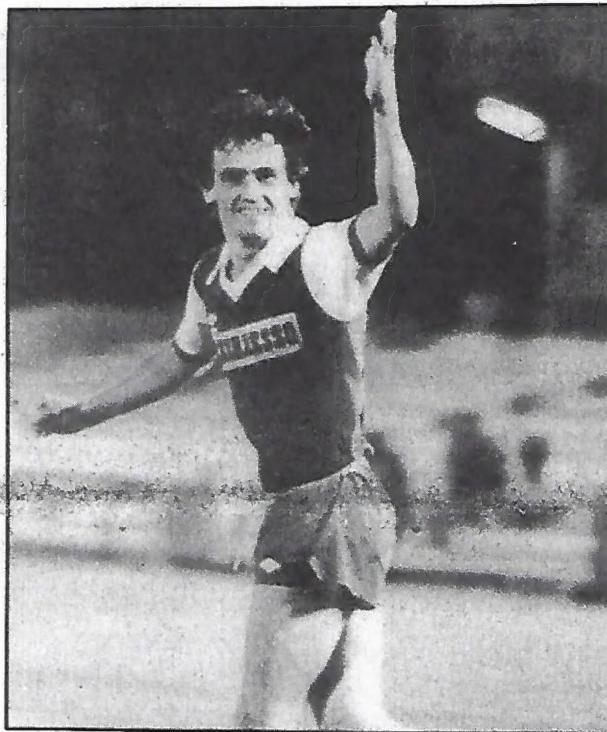
"Sure, I could just sit back and collect my money like others do, but it's about time that someone spoke out about what goes on in the national team. I'm not the only player who thinks this way, either."

Egan also lashed out at what he claimed was a decided bias toward Sydney-based players and coaches.

Returning to the world tour, Egan asked:

"Why didn't we concentrate on playing club sides in Scotland and Spain to get a feel of the atmosphere there because we're almost certain to face one of these countries if we make it through the early qualifying games?"

Egan has made 20 Socceroo appearances. His first was against Thailand in the 1982 Merlin Cup.



Charlie Egan of SM Hellas. He's waved goodbye to the national team.

JINXED!



"I'm jinxed. I've got to be."

That's how former Socceroo, Sydney Olympic star and "Soccer Action" columnist Peter Katholos reacted after seriously injuring his medial ligament in Olympic's game against Sydney City Hakoah.

Katholos had filed his weekly column with us and had written about knee injuries two days before the Hakoah game (see cutting).

In the 30th minute of that match, he went up for a high ball and when he landed, a player fell across his knee damaging Katholos's medial ligament.

"Thank goodness the ligament didn't completely come away from the bone and it's been attached again," said Katholos, who will be out of action for 12 weeks.

"Soccer Action" and many fans right around Australia wish Peter a full recovery.



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Bertogna a 'must,' Soper for midfield and flair at the back



Ray Richards (left) and Johnny Warren — passing on their knowledge to the younger generation.

Solving the midfield mystery is key to making it to Mexico

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



I guess it's safe to say that the outcome of our 1985 World Cup bid largely will depend on the construction and performance of our midfield.

It's in this vital department that coach Frank Arok will need to find the right men. In the correct blend. Without that, the team will have no style, rhythm and class, with the defence and attack becoming unsupported galloping.

Every good team in the world has a top midfield. They may have a weak point or two in defence or attack — but never in the middle.

Europe's No. 1, France, clicks when the Platini-Giresse-Tigana and the many midfielders, Brazil's, the 'World Cup was built on the many midfielders, Australia's.

So it's all up to class midfielders, exactly the players Australia finds difficult to produce.

Some people will accuse me of heresy: others will stage mock indignation, feeling the need to defend this great country publicly and passionately against such dastardly subversives.

And all I say is that, based on my fairly careful observations over 30 years or so, Australian players are NOT ideal for top-class midfield roles.

It is necessary, however, to quickly establish a firm definition of an 'Australian' player.

For the purpose of this article, I would call that a player born in Australia, of Australian parents.

But, in order to use stronger litmus paper for the test, I would exclude sons of migrants, even if born or raised here, such as Selmidis, Raskopoulos, Crino, etc.

There has a bit to do with genes — genetic characteristics and so on, which I don't want to be bogged down in at the moment.

Accepting, for argument's sake, my demarcation lines, let's have a quick look at the exceptions, the Australian midfielders with class.

Going back the past 20 years or so, I can honestly name only one, John Warren — and even he was really a striker who dropped back.

Pressed hard to dig deeper, for patriotic reasons, I'm willing to establish a second category and put Max Tolson, Ray Baartz and Murray Barnes there.

Of these, Baartz was perhaps the most outstanding — and even he was, by instinct, a striker.

Over the years, let's say since 1956, almost all truly talented midfielders have been Non-Australians.

Take the outstanding men of the late 1950s, 60s and 70s: Lazarevic, Djordje, Kelly, Blutsch, Tamandj, Scheinfug, Chaldi, Rooney, Phillips, Rodriguez, Mackay, Richards, and some others.

None of these was among them.

But if you are perplexed by this phenomenon, let's go a bit further and study today's leading teams. Hardly any use more than one Australian midfielder — usually none.

Sydney City's middle line usually relies on Watson, Cant (Brits), Gomez (Puerto Rican), Kao Barnes (Aussies).

Olympic has Phillips — but tucked away among Greek boys, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Svinos. Or take Croatia: Kovacic, Odakovic, Patikas, Savor and maybe the classiest of all, South Melbourne Hellas — a South American, Crino, with British imports, Murphy, Halford, McDowell.

St George is an odd exception. For all of 1984 and most of 1985 so far, Frank Arok seemed keen to prove this theory wrong by fielding an All-Australian midfield with Stone, Barton and J. O. Sheas.

And I hate to say this — but it didn't work. In fact, quite a lot of reasonably well-versed observers blame St George's demise on their midfield.

Basically, all three players are ball winners and not really ball players.

And truly outstanding midfielders, in World Cups or NSLs, take chances, show flair or even cheek; they are the focal points of their team, dominant, domineering, even arrogant.

The St George Australian trio is different — not at all like John Warren was at his best or Ray Richards or Jimmy Rooney or Oscar Crino.

While Frank Arok persisted with this trio at St George his survival instincts would never let him do the same with the Socceros.

There, he hasn't got one 'Australian' in his midfield (by our definition), let alone three.

So who will make up Arok's midfield for the World Cup matches in 1985?

To get the answer to that riddle, you have to make a little study of Arok's team building methods.

Midway through 1984 the Socceros played 9 matches in Australia in the 'International Series'. Later that year, they played another 12 games on their 'world tour'.

For the World Series the Socceros usually lined up with a strange formation, using five defenders and either two or three midfielders.

Davidson was pencilled in as a right fullback — but performed as a midfielder.

Joe Watson was the most regular in midfield, followed by Murphy, with Raskopoulos, Cant, Robertson, McCullough and Gray getting only a few chances.

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With the first international tournament only a month away, it's Socceroo speculation time again.

Not that you'd have to be a genius to guess Frank Arok's eventual team, for he believes in stability and continuity — and good luck to him.

Alan Davidson won't be available for the May series against Vasco Da Gama, Udinese and Spurs, so Arok's team will look something like this:

Terry Greedy (St. George Budapest) — Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg-Alexander), Vic Bozanic (St. George) or Gerardo Gomez (Sydney City, Hakoah), David Soper (St. Geo, Budapest), Steve O'Connor (Syd. Hakoah), Graham Jennings (Syd. Olympic) — Tommy McCullough (APIA), Oscar Crino (SM-Hellas), Ken Murphy (SM-Hellas) — Marshall Soper (Syd. Olympic), John Kosmina (Syd. C. Hakoah).

The only new man, therefore, would be Gomez, that tall, elegant, goalscorer utility man or Bozanic, either of whom would appear to be the perfect solution to the problem created by Davidson's absence.

Once again, Arok looks like using a sweeper (Yankos) and two stoppers (Ratcliffe and O'Connor), with the full backs doubling as flank-midfielders.

The reasoning here is: We are playing against superior teams, so our major concern must be to contain them. Fair enough. And if I were Arok and things were clear in my mind, I'd stick to my guns.

But after the series of last year, the England series of 1983 and the 1984 world tour, things are by no means clear in my mind; even though I was among the many who wallowed in the euphoria of victories against Juventus and Rangers.

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The presence of five defenders — and I mean players who, with their clubs, play in defensive positions (the versatile Gomez and Bozanic excepted) — prohibits the presence of more midfielders or strikers, because you can have only 11 men in a team.

And we do not have a constructive sweeper — a libero, if you like. I'm not saying that Yankos can't play that way; sometimes he doesn't.

With all those defenders in the team, you expect him to surge forward and again, playing one-on-one along the way and having a crack at goal. Instead, he's invariably the man who boots hell out of the ball when it gets past the stoppers.

It would be of value, I believe, to have a true libero back there. Yankos would be effective as stopper; he is, after all, much faster than Ratcliffe and O'Connor.

Moreover, there are preferable alternatives to having two out-and-out stoppers in your team, for they are there at the expense of more creative players.

If you fielded a regular, four-man defence, with a stopper and a sweeper capable of attacking, then you could use one of the full backs, in addition to the stopper, to confront an opposing two-man strike force.

In addition you could, in a four-man midfield, include a player of outstanding defensive qualities to assist the back four.

Now let's look at the personnel for the positions discussed so far.

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By LAURIE SCHWAB



I'd give the other full back position to Vic Bozanic, ex-West Adelaide Hellas, Marconi and APIA and now under Arok at St. George Budapest, for he is a more versatile player than the present left back, Graham Jennings, as fast and as dedicated as Jennings may be. Bozanic has a quality that you just can't overlook — he has the most powerful shot in the NSL and he scores goals with it.

I would choose Arno Bertogna, ex-Newcastle and Wellington, now with APIA, as the defensive midfielder. Formerly a full back, stopper or sweeper, Bertogna has been shifted to mid and only recently, but has been starring there. If Ratcliffe or O'Connor can score from corners and free kicks, so can Bertogna — and he could finish off moves on the ground as well.

Behind that defensive core, I'd have Jeff Oliver of Heidelberg, who clearly is the best goalkeeper in Australia, without meaning any disrespect at all to Terry Greedy.

Now for the rest.

I'd pick Charlie Egan and Doug Brown for the two strikers' positions, as they would have one big advantage over every other available: they have played together at SM-Hellas for two years and they operate as a unit. However, with Egan declaring he doesn't want to play for Australia (see page one), we need to look elsewhere. It's a pity, because Oscar Crino — whose passes set up so many goals — is a first-choice for Australia, so the team would benefit from the understanding from this trio.

John Kosmina and Frank Farina have been developing a partnership at Hakoah since Farina's switch from Canberra, so those two are a possibility. Kosmina is a proven goalscorer with the national team, having notched 32 goals in 76 games. Farina has scored only two in 25 appearances, but he is young and his average is bound to improve.

I'd be looking for a striker to deliver the goods right now, and Paul Lewis (Green Gully) is the one I regard as being most suitable. Look at his record: 14 goals so far this year in league and Cup goals; 14 last year, including two with Hellas; 31 State League goals in 1983 and 23 in 1982. He's only 24, he's tremendously fast, and back at Chester in England, he kept Ian Rush on the bench!

Grino, as I've said, would be an automatic choice in midfield. He has few peers. Gerardo Gomez also would be there because you can think of no-one as versatile as he.

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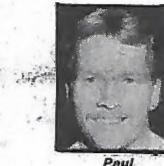
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6 Stevenson (H'B)
5 Lewis (GG), Latif (SGC)
4 Reis (BC), Zinni (BUJ), Ward (M.Cr), Smith (Mak), 33 Villani (ACJ), Konstandopoulos (WAH), House (M.Cr), Spink, Cole (Mak).

Youth games

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE: Fawkner 0 Nunawading City 0, Sunshine G.X. 1, B.U. Juventus 1, Heidelberg Utd 1 St Melbourne Hellas 3, Melb Croatia 2, Preston-Makedonia 2, Croydon City 0 Green Gully 3, Footscray JUST 4 Frankston Pines 0.

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Heidelberg	5	2	2	33	11	12
Makedonia	5	2	1	25	11	12
B.U. Juventus	4	3	1	27	14	11
Footscray JUST	5	0	3	18	11	10
Melb Croatia	4	2	2	15	10	10
St. M. Hellas	4	1	3	12	10	10
Green Gully	4	1	3	20	9	9
Sun. George Cross	3	2	3	18	11	8
Fawkner	2	4	2	10	23	7
Nunawading	1	2	5	4	18	6
Croydon City	1	0	7	7	38	2
Frankston Pines	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. M. Springvale	0	0	0	0	0	0

This week's youth games

SATURDAY: Green Gully v Frankston Pines.

SUNDAY: Nunawading City v Sunshine George Cross, South Melbourne Hellas v Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juventus v Heidelberg Alexander, Preston Makedonia v Croydon, Fawkner v Footscray JUST.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

AIS 5 d. Blacktown 1, Inter Monaro 3 d. Olympic 1. Pointscore: Canberra 13, Sydney City 12, St George 10, AIS 9, Newcastle 9, Leichhardt 8, Wollongong 8, Blacktown 7, Croatia 6, Marconi 5, Olympic 5, Inter Monaro 5, Penrith 3.

RUSSELL (1) (SM-Hellas)	HUNTER (2) (Bris. Lions)	BYRNE (1) (Can. Olympians)	NIVEN (2) (Bris. Lions)
CARBONE (1) (Inter Monaro)	CRIND (1) (SM-Hellas)	TAPAI (1) (Footscray JUST)	
REIS (3) (Brisbane City)	KEEGAN (1) (Blacktown)	THAMNIDIS (3) (Inter. Monaro)	

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TOP PLACE AT STAKE FOR BOTH CROATIAS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Both Croatias will have league leadership at stake on Sunday. Kevin Keegan looms as Sydney Croatia's greatest hurdle, while Melbourne Croatia faces the might of the star-studded SM-Hellas team at Middle Park.

Neither Croatia can afford not to win. For Sydney Croatia, defeat would mean being replaced at the top of the North Division ladder by Sydney Hakoah which should beat Rosebud. For Melbourne Croatia victory would be rewarded by league leadership on goal difference, while defeat would leave the club four points behind Hellas.

Keegan scored in his debut for Blacktown last Sunday, and will again be Blacktown's major weapon against league leaders. The game will be the second of a double-header at Marconi Stadium, starting with the clash between Marconi and Inter Monaro at 1pm.

Meanwhile, the National Cup final was scheduled for St George Stadium, at 7pm tonight (Wednesday) but it all depended on the weather. The final had been postponed from last Thursday because of heavy rain in Sydney. Macedonia's tall defender Robbie Dunn was in doubt due to a head injury, while Olympic will miss injured Peter Kath-

atos and striker Marshall Soper who's suspended.

Hellas, which will miss suspended Ken Murphy, is about to start negotiations for big-name guest players from Greece. Club chairman Chris Christopher is concerned that Hellas actually has lost support despite its championship victory of last season, and believes a shot of international glamor would lure back the club's fans.

Both Croatias also are negotiating for top players from overseas.

Ante Ljubic, who arrived almost a month ago but has only had a half game, should finally recover from injury, to resume with Melbourne Croatia on Sunday. An experienced striker, the big occasion should bring out the best in him — but at the other end, Doug Brown will be fired up by his goal against Heidelberg last week, and is hungry for more.

Terry Patalis will join Marconi on loan from Sydney

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Melbourne Croatia at Middle Park, 3pm.

BU Juventus v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Olympic Park No 2, 3pm.

Preston-Makedonia v Brisbane City (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3pm.

Brisbane Lions v Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Richlands, 3pm.

Adelaide City Juventus v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30pm.

MARCONI v Inter Monaro at Marconi Stadium, 1pm.

Blacktown v SYDNEY CROATIA at Marconi Stadium, 3.30pm.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v Wollongong at St George Stadium, 3pm.

Canberra Olympians v APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.

Sydney Olympia v Penrith (draw) at Pratten Park, 3pm.

NATIONAL CUP FINAL

Tonight (Wednesday)

Sydney Olympia v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at St George Stadium, 7pm.

SUNDAY

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Canberra Olympians have climbed into the top five, but can expect no more than a draw with APIA at home, while Wollongong appears to have no hope against St George Budapest.

Let's hope for an interesting match — not like the dull draw at Chaplin Reserve last Saturday.

George Cross, becoming somewhat of a draw specialist, should add yet another point from its away game against Lions in Brisbane, while Green Gully, playing at home on Saturday, should recover from last week's loss to Brisbane City, to beat West Adelaide Hellas.

Olympic for the clash with Inter Monaro, which will be without Billie Wilcox (suspended). Inter Monaro has won two in a row, partly due to the class of Enzo Dragicevic, but Marconi, almost back to full-strength, looks too strong.

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NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ST MELB HELLAS	5	3	0	14	8	13
MELBOURNE CROATIA	4	3	1	11	3	11
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	4	2	2	14	7	10
B'WICK JUVENTUS	3	4	1	10	7	10
BRISBANE LIONS	3	3	2	6	5	9
Brisbane City	3	2	3	11	9	8
Sun.-George Cross	2	4	2	7	6	8
Preston Makedonia	3	2	3	11	13	8
Green Gully	2	2	4	9	7	6
West Adelaide Hellas	2	2	3	9	10	7
Adel. City Juventus	0	4	4	9	17	4
Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	0	7	7	19	2

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA	5	1	1	17	9	11
SYD. CITY HAKOAH	5	0	2	17	9	10
MARCONI	3	3	1	16	12	9
BLACKTOWN	4	1	3	12	9	9
CANBERRA OLYMPIANS	3	3	2	14	12	9
APIA-Leichhardt	4	0	3	14	11	8
Sydney Olympic	4	0	4	8	9	8
Penrith	2	2	3	9	6	6
St. George Budapest	2	2	3	6	6	6
Newcastle-Rosebud	2	0	6	11	20	4
Wollongong	2	0	5	12	23	4

BORAL BRICKS

We can help you build it.
Bryant closer

Steve Bryant of Canberra Olympians has climbed to within one point of leader Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide Hellas) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Top scorers:
9. Egan (SMH)
6. Stevenson (H'B)
5. Lewis (GG), Dragicevic (IM), Colaguri (APIA), Arnold, Patikas (S.Cr), Jankovic (M.Cr), Campbell (BUJ), 18. Senkalski (NR), 19. Jennings (SO).

Top vote-getters:
31. Honeyman (WAH)
30. Bryant (Can)
29. Wheatley (Black)
28. Egan (SMH)
27. Hunter (BL)
26. Ward (H'B)
25. Reis (BC)
24. Deakinovic (N.Cr)
23. Reis (BC), Deakinovic (N.Cr), Gomez (M.Cr)
21. Patikas (S.Cr) Max.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 7 — Kyriakidis 7, Karic 8, MacLeod 7, O'Donnell 7 — Taseki 7, Belic 6, Tapal 9 — Lazopoulos 7, Carroll 5, Lujic 6, Coach: Rocco Ile.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7, Hiern 7, Brown 8, Honeyman 7, Scott 6 — McGregor 6, Smith 6, Atalas 6 (Matsakas 68th), Konstandopoulos 6, Price 6 (Stefanopoulos half time 6) Panagis 6, Coach: Neil McGachey.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Hunter (BL), 5. Niven (BL), 4. McNally (AC), 3. Flinders (AC), 2. Anderson (BL), 1. Honeyman (WA).

BRISEBANE CITY 3 (Reis 2, Hamilton) GREEN GULLY 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1372. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7; Mengotti 8, Wilkinson 7, Milovanovic 8, Bromfield 8, Junna 7, Hamilton 8, Fabbri 7, Glencross 8, Reis 8 (Scriggs 73rd), Lettieri 8 (Carey 88th), Coach: Jim Hermiston.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8; Young 7, Mclelland 8, Murphy 5 (Cannell 7 half time), Williams 8, Hobgen 6 (Krajacic 73rd), Smallman 7, Boyd 6, Campbell 7, Lewis 7, Luccesi 7, Coach: Jim Williams (caretaker).

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Alan Reis (BC), 5. Taylor (SGC), 4. Zinni (BUJ), 3. Kestner (SGC), 2. Dowie (BUJ), 1. Campbell (SGC).

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BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Keegan 32, McKie 78th) CANBERRA CITY 3 (Pointer o.g. 22nd, Byrne 37th, Lamond 61st) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 3,500. Ratings by Alex Vesci:

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Skellern 6 (Daley 69th), Wheatley 7, Pointer 6, Bourke 7 — Selvage 6, Thornwright 6, Knight 65th, Bradley 6 — Keegan 6, O'Connor 6, Coach: Casey De Bruin.

CANBERRA CITY: Franken 7 — Ontong 7, Harkins 7, Byrne 8, Dunn 7 — Mihailidis 7, Bryant 8, Sernat 6, Phillips 7 (Gibson 68th), English 6, Lamond 7, Coach: Roy Thompson.

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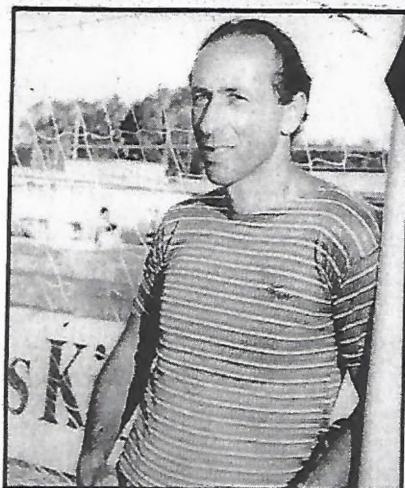
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Man of the Match: ALAN REIS (Bris. City).

Bris. City 3 Green Gully 0

Scorer: Reis 28th, 72nd.
Hamilton 86th.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Cautions: Lucchesi (GG),
Murray (GG), Hamilton (BC).
Referee: Gordon Nicholson.

The Spencer Park terraces were buzzing for the first time



Roberto Lettieri at Spencer Park. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO

In nearly three years when Brisbane City's Brazilian signing Roberto Lettieri made his home NSL debut last weekend.

And the import's clever touches and astute vision guided City to absolute dominance over a Green Gully side, obviously rocked by the mid-week heart attack to coach Bobby McLachlan.

Lettieri was given an attacking libero role by City coach Jim Hermiston and relieved the free space he found in all quarters of the park.

Off the ball he did very little work. But when in possession Lettieri looked dangerous and repeatedly sent City players on attacking raids.

Although not yet match fit, the 30-year-old former Porto Allegro player is set to become a real asset to City and will complement the side of eager runners Jim Hermiston has put together.

But the player certain to

benefit the most from Lettieri is City's other major new signing this year, Alan Reis. Reis, who in his first games was signed of good service, relieved the clever through play provided by the Brazilian.

Reis' first goal was from a move initiated by Lettieri and finished off with a pinpoint pass from Stephen Glickner. Reis made no mistake with a drive to the left past Denys, who until then had repeatedly denied the City forwards with several fine saves.

Reis, who had several chances earlier and most of them initiated by Lettieri's brilliance, ran onto a through ball from Frank Mengotti in the 72nd minute, and despite offside pleases from Green Gully defenders, he turned the ball around Denys for a goal.

The second goal came a struggling Green Gully, which had come to Brisbane without Ken Smart and Willie Vassallo

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Neville Flounders of Adelaide Juventus slides in front of Brisbane Lions striker Joe Cairney. At right is Fortu Costanzo, who scored in the 1-1 draw. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Lions for finals, Juve for wooden spoon?

AC-Juventus 1 Brisb. Lions 1

Scorer: Costanzo 3rd, Hunter 69th.
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 1500.
Referee: Donald Campbell.

Brisbane Lions have the team and the style to figure in the National Soccer League finals this season.

Gordon Arrowsmith's boys proved this convincingly when they were extremely unlucky not to leave Adelaide with maximum points.

Lions had to come from behind after Fortu Costanzo had given Juventus a third-minute lead by following up a Peter Rankin rebound off goal-kicker Wayne Evans.

Thereafter Lions attacked in droves to gain control and for inaccurate shooting and the fine goalkeeping of Willie McNally, would have won by a



Allan Crisp

comfortable margin.

Juventus coach Edmund Kraft had a pre-match setback when midfield强人 Brian Northcote withdrew because of a recurrence of a shoulder injury. Things got worse when Charley Villani was unable to continue after 47 minutes due to a bruised rib cage.

Young Joe Mullen came off the bench to replace Villani, but he linked up with a team lacking ideas and purpose.

Kraft called the Juventus performance, "The worst of the season," but credit should go to Lions for stifling the Juventus midfield with lightning

Man of the Match: ALAN HUNTER (Bris. Lions)

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Laurie Schwab

Man of the match:
OSCAR CRINO
(SM-Hellas)

Heidelberg 0**SM-Hellas 1**

Scorer: Doug Brown 50th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: about 15,000.
Sent off: Anelje (H'b) and
Murphy (SMH) at half time.
Cautions: Patterson (H'b),
Brown (SMH), Russell (SMH).
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

In a match marred by half-time fistfights, atrocious passing, kicking the ball into touch and other general scrappiness, it was reassuring to see Oscar Crino and Theo Selemidis showing a 15,000 crowd that the skills of soccer have not been done away with altogether.

Steve Tasiros also provided a highlight of real soccer after coming on as a substitute. He beat four opponents on a brilliant solo run down the left before cutting the ball square for a shot by Selemidis, which goalkeeper Peter Laumets turned over the bar in the best save of the game.

But most of the action occurred off the field. As the teams went towards the dressing room at half-time, there was an altercation between Heidelberg's masseur and Hellas midfielder Gary McDowell. Ken Murphy joined in, and so too did Joe Angele of Heidelberg. Referee Chris Bambridge saw only the tail-end of the action, and it was Murphy's side that was told not to come out for the second half, leaving the teams with 10 men each. It is the

Fists, blood but Crino, Selemidis stick to soccer



Doug Brown — his winning goal for Hellas was his 58th in the NSL.

Pictures by LES SHORROCK

fourth time in the past five games between these sides that players have been sent off.

After the match, a spectator punched Hellas president Jim Diamataris from behind, opening a cut which bled profusely as he staggered outside the social rooms.

The crowd, which we estimated at about 15,000, was the biggest Heidelberg had had in its history. The only comparable crowd I've seen in the NSL was in 1978 for Hellas' match against St. George at Middle Park. Malcolm Macdonald and Charlie George were

guest players in that match. Distance runner Yiannis Kouris kicked off the game and because of the festivities, it started 12 minutes late.

Doug Brown, NSL top scorer of 1984 and 1983, scored the winning goal after goalkeeper Jeff Oliver had parried a shot from Charlie Egan. Selemidis, who had dropped back into defence in Angele's absence, had inadvertently headed the ball into the goal.

It was in 1982 that Heidelberg achieved its last league victory against Hellas.

The first real scoring chance of the match came in the 30th. minute, when Selemidis met McKie's cross with a first-time shot that went across goal.

And in the last 10 minutes of the half, McDowell's volley whistled across goal and another of his shots was held by Oliver.

George Christopoulos, playing for Heidelberg against his former club, was in the action often enough, but his passing was astary and he lacked general sharpness, obviously due to lack of match practice while recovering from injury. We'll see the best of him later.

Heidelberg's coach, Brian Garner, replaced Steve Winn with John Metaxas and Mike Valentine with Steve Tasiros. In between the two switches, Selemidis came forward in an exciting run, leading up to a header by Stuart Stevenson. Postecoglou, however, cleared it.

Arok added however, he hoped that Davidson would recover from his back injury in time to play in the World Cup in September-October.

Arok made a discreet enquiry if Hellas' left-back Ante Postecoglou who also ranked among the stars of the game, as did Hellas goalkeepers Peter Laumets, Gary McDowell and Steve Marley.

At the other end, Brown, who had scored the goal, missed in trying to score a second, and missed narrowly with a low shot.

Stevenson, for Heidelberg, hit the side netting on the turn, and Selemidis had backed himself a throw from Metaxas, and then came that great save from Oliver, which prevented Selemidis from levelling the scores.

Play continued with Croatia going forward. Josip Biskic played the ball through to Robert Markovac who, when trying to shoot past advancing Makedonia goalie Phillip Traianedes, hit the ball with his knee.

Traianedes saved easily, then attention swung back to the injured players near the centre of the pitch.

Dunn lay still. Dobson had started to move but was only able to sit up with the aid of team mates.

As Dunn waited for a stretcher to arrive (why oh why can't we have a stretcher at the side of one of the ovals?), Dobson staggered about in a daze, helped by Makedonia coach Bill Murray.

The stretcher finally arrived and both Dunn and Dobson went off. Dunn eventually was taken to hospital for observation while Dobson was treated during half time and reappeared for the second half.

Murphy was a busy things along, ducked in and out of the doorways to both dressing rooms, urging the teams to come out for the second half.

Eventually, when Dobson and Gojevic both were ready, out came the teams and lined up before Zoumas and his linesmen appeared.

Two minutes into the second half, which was the 51st minute of play, Biskic curled a free kick into the top corner to make it 2-0 and that was the end of the contest.

1980 Australia decked Steve Smith late in the game and off went the injured Smith, adding further problems to Makedonia's quest to become the first Melbourne club to win the National Cup, but Smith still could play in the final.

What an ugly match this was, one devoid of inter-passing, of close skills and any semblance of flair. It was a fumbling, stumbling, grumbling affair permeated by physical clashes like the one in the 75th minute between Hays and

Hajduk, Bochum, now J.U.S.T.

Foots JUST 2
W.A. Hellas 1

Scorer: Tapani Pen 23rd, Konstantopoulos 80th.
Venue: Schinetti Reserve
Crowd: about 500
Yellow Cards: Footscray: Karic, Lazaropoulos. Westad: Brown, McGregor, Atsalas
Referee: Jim Fearn 7



Ken Kontra

Man of the match:
ERNE TAPAI
(Foots JUST)

the rebound, the angle was too acute and his shot only found the side netting, with Boland still stranded on the edge of the box.

During the interval, Neil McGachey substituted Price with Bill Stefanopoulos. pushed Henni to the forward line and Ian McGregor, playing his 200th NSL Match drove back from midfield to fullback. With Henni as stopper and Tim Brown taking up Honeyman's sweeper position, West Ad certainly looked much safer at the back.

Hellas tried hard to get back into the match, but were denied by some desperate defensive work by the J.U.S.T. back four. Tom Karic in particular, who twice scrambled the ball off the goal line with Boland in his lead.

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MAXWELL FIGHTS BACK FROM THE PAIN OF MISSING MEXICO

By
CRAIG
MacKENZIE

Steve Maxwell felt sick watching news clips of the young Socceroos in action during World Youth Cup finals in Mexico in 1983.

He had made coach Les Scheinflug's 22-man squad but after a training camp in Tasmania before the finals, the squad was cut to 18. Maxwell was dropped.

"I was absolutely shattered. My whole game fell apart. I even ended up being dropped by Adelaide City," said the 21-year-old midfielder.

"I just got us together and announced his final squad. He said that it was one of the toughest decisions he'd ever had to make. When I was watching the team on TV, I kept thinking that it could have been me over there playing for Australia. I didn't even feel like training after missing out and after being dropped by my club I virtually played out the remainder of the season on the bench."

More heartbreak followed for at the end of the 1983 season, Maxwell's first with Adelaide City Juventus, he heard on the grapevine that the club was going to sell him. A change of coach and some fatherly advice from Juventus stalwart Bugs Nyskoush rekindled Maxwell's urge to establish himself in the NSL.

"Edmund Kreft took over and showed a lot of faith in me. Bugs told me that 1984 had to be my year, so I gave it everything I had during pre-season training and Edmund switched me from up front to midfield which worked wonder for my game."

"I get a lot more room to work in midfield, I'm a lot more involved, and I prefer facing my opponents rather than having them breathing down my neck when the ball's played in to my feet."

Maxwell was born in North Adelaide and only has played for two clubs. He joined West Torrens Birkalla when he was 10, making his first team debut in the last match of the Second Division season five years later.

The following year, 1981, Maxwell established himself at Birkalla and the team won the Second Division championship. Maxwell also played in the South Australian team that won the national youth championship that year by beating Queensland on penalties in the final.

"I'll never forget that game. It was incredible. We drew 1-1

The NSL all-star team before last weekend, based on votes gained in the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the year award, was:

NSL ALL-STAR TEAM					
TRAIANEDES (Makedonia)					
WHEATLEY (Blacktown)	HUNTER (Bris. Lions)	HONEYMAN (WA-Hellas)	JENNINGS (Syd. Olympic)		
PHILLIPS (Syd. Olympic)	GOMEZ (SC-Hakeah)	SENKALSKI (Newc. Reserves)	MURRAY (ACJ Juventus)		
	PATIKAS (Syd. Croatia)	EGAN (SM-Hellas)			



Steve Maxwell of Adelaide City Juventus

at full time and we still were locked together after extra time. I didn't have the nerve to take a penalty then, but I'll take penalties now."

Peter Rankin, Joe Muller and David Miller were teammates of Maxwell in that youth team.

As often happens in soccer, the high Maxwell hit in 1981 quickly was followed by a low in 1982.

"I did my cartilage in the first league game in '82. I felt something click in my knee at training on the Thursday and on the Friday I got treatment.

"My first game back we won 3-1 against Elizabeth and I scored twice, once from the penalty spot and the other from a header. I remember

During the game on the Saturday I went up for a ball and when I came down I felt that click again. I got up and ran around but the next ball I went for, it packed in altogether."

Maxwell was operated on the next day. He was out for six weeks and when he came back, Birkalla still hadn't won a league game as it strove to establish itself in First Division.

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Towards the end of the 1982 season, Max Huffy of Adelaide City Juventus picked up Maxwell and took the youngster to watch a big derby against West Adelaide Hellas. Maxwell was impressed, his appetite for the NSL whetted, he signed with Juventus.

His first game for Juventus was 1983 Ampol Cup match against Beograd. Juventus won 4-0, one of the goals coming from a crisp Maxwell volley.

His first NSL match was in a 2-2 draw with Canberra at Hindmarsh Stadium. Juventus was 1-0 down at half time. Maxwell levelled then Canberra hit back to lead 2-1. Time was running out. With seconds left, Juventus won a corner. The ball was crossed and fell to Maxwell, who controlled it on his thigh then knocked it in for a dramatic equaliser.

Four days later, Juventus won a nail-biting semi-final in the Ampol Cup 3-1 after extra time. Maxwell scored twice.

His position in the Juventus first team seemed assured. Until the effects of being so near yet so far from playing in the World Youth Cup finals took their toll.

Maxwell established himself at Juventus last year but near the end of the season, his form slumped.

"I spoke to Willie McNally and Serge Metta about it and they thought that I was fit too early last year, so I've paced myself this year throughout pre-season training and I'm hoping that I can maintain my form."

South Australian referees have come in for a fair bit of criticism recently, especially after South Melbourne Hellas's 2-2 draw with Adelaide City Juventus at a water-logged Olympic Sports Field a couple of weeks ago.

"The penalty we got against Hellas didn't seem to be a penalty but then again, when Neville Flinders was sent off I thought that Charlie Egan should have gone with him."

"I don't want to say too much about referees because I got into a bit of trouble with them last year. I was sent off against Brisbane City for abusing the ref and Adelaide City fined me \$300. I wasn't happy about that but you've just got to cop it sweet. I shouldn't have abused the ref."

"Whenever any team travels interstate the ref can be a problem."

"As for South Australian refs, Don Campbell is the pick of the bunch."

But it's his attention toward Juventus' fortunes this year, Maxwell, like coach Kreft, is adamant that the side's current position on the Southern Division table isn't a true reflection of the quality of soccer it's playing.

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Awards like these give young players like Maxwell national recognition. No doubt coaches in Melbourne and Sydney already are taking



LET'S FACE IT, KE

The most expressive face in the National League? That's the only verdict you can reach when viewing photographer LES SHORROCK'S montage of former Brunswick Juventus player Kevin Lloyd.

Surely Lloyd should be known as a thousand faces. Now with Green G doubt his expressions still are treating view of the joys and sorrows of playing What's Lloyd trying to say in these? Let's guess:

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STIELIKE STAR

Real Madrid — six times winner of the European Cup — rallied magnificently last week to qualify for the UEFA Cup final against Videoton of Hungary by turning a 0-2 first-leg deficit into a 3-2 victory on aggregate against Inter Milan.

Real Madrid won the second leg in Madrid 3-0 despite the absence of feared striker Emilio Butragueño, known as El Butrón (The Vulture). He has been missing since being hit in the kidney during the first leg against Inter.

But Real's West German international Uli Stielike was having a starring role in the recovery.

Santillana started the scoring in the 10th minute, added another in the 42nd minute, and with Inter Milan virtually dead and buried, Michel Gonzalez added a third in the 59th minute. A crowd of 110,000 watched Real's triumph.

Rapid Vienna meanwhile, enjoyed its greatest moment European soccer when it qualified for the Cup Winners' Cup final by holding Dynamo Moscow to a 1-1 draw in Moscow.

Rapid will meet Everton in the final in Rotterdam on May 18.

Liverpool and Juventus, meanwhile, qualified as expected, for

the Champions' Cup final in Brussels on May 29, even though Juventus lost 0-2 to Bordeaux.

Rapid, which has been a regular in Europe since it competed in the first Champions' Cup in 1955-56, took a 3-1 first-leg lead to Moscow and increased the advantage after just three minutes through Czechoslovak veteran Antonín Panenka.

Dynamo drew level when Boris Podnyakov scored with a fine shot from the edge of the penalty area in the 29th minute, but the Austrians were never seriously threatened.

If Rapid ultimately lifts the trophy, it may have reason to thank the Glasgow Celtic supporter who hit one of Rapid's players with a missile during a torrid second round second-leg tie in Scotland last November.

Rapid lost that match 3-0, to "lose" 4-3 on aggregate, but UEFA ordered the game to be replayed

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What a proud day for Malta when it drew 0-0 last week with mighty Czechoslovakia in their World Cup qualifying match. Here Czech goalkeeper Borovicka (left) stops one of many Maltese attacks.

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Bad cartilage can't stop Bergers' ace

Stuart Stevenson sees a lot of himself in Charlie Egan. "He's a strong runner, he bites at defenders' heels and he's always in there to pick up the crumbs," says Stevenson who, after only 10 months in Australia, has established himself as one of the top strikers in the National League.

Is he as fast as Egan? "You'd have to arrange a sprint," he says, "but with my bad legs and bad back, he'd probably beat me."

It's half-joking, for he's resigned to having a cartilage removed at the end of the season. "It doesn't worry me much during games, because I blot it out mentally, but after a game, I've got to ice it, and I have to do a lot of exercise during the week," he says.

Heidelberg-Alexander coach Brian Garvey has set a 10-goal target for each of his forwards — Stevenson, Steve Wim and Scott Patterson — and a five-goal target for each midfielder. After only seven games, Stevenson already had seven goals, and he and Egan, with nine, were the top scorers in the NSL. That was before last Sunday's game between Heidelberg and Hellas.

"But just because I've got close to my target, it doesn't mean I'll stop scoring. I've got to go for as many as I possibly can get. My contract's up at the end of the season, and I want not only Heidelberg, but every club in Australia to be interested in me."

Stevenson, 23, is sponsored by Heidelberg until the end of 1985. His contract will be renewed every six months. "I want to get permanent residency, but I believe it's harder to get now. That's why I have to make a big name for myself — to make it a bit easier," he says.

It took him quite some time to hit the goal trail after arriving from Scotland last year. In fact, he scored only one goal in league games, leading up to the finals. Then he cut loose, and he's now one of the most awarded strikers in Australia. He goes for everything, and he's afraid of nothing. He looks fearsome!

"At first, I was trying to do too much work, rather than getting into scoring positions," he says. "And when I did get into position, I'd blow it. Now I don't put in as much hard work, but I'm concentrating more on getting into the positions, and I've been successful."

Stevenson described as "shocking" the defence of Makedonia when Heidelberg recently beat Makedonia 4-1.

Stevenson scored a hat-trick that day.

It was lack of experience and professionalism, and lack of communication, which was the standing-off of Charlie Egan, which prevented Heidelberg from beating Hellas in the Southern Division final last year, Stevenson says.

"Even after Charlie had been sent off, we could have held onto our 2-1 lead had we shown enough professionalism. But some of the younger players lost a bit of confidence and we as a whole were unable to say: OK, we'll leave only two up front and pull back to consolidate the lead. Theo Selemidis went to the sweeper's position, then



• He can take it and he can give it. Heidelberg star Stuart Stevenson (right) is sent flying in this aerial battle with South Melbourne Hellas stopper Steve Blair. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Goals Macleod, Juventus striker Joe Sweeney, Heidelberg left back Steve Marley and Juventus right back Peter Lewis all scored for their senior League club Pollok where Stevenson scored 21 goals in the 1982-83 season. Previously he was in the first-team pool of Premier League club Airdrie, without actually breaking into the senior team.

In 1979, at the age of 17, he went to the University of Southern Illinois on a football scholarship, and with Stevenson scoring 10 goals over 23 games, the team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship. He also did a general studies course at the university, but homesickness prompted him to go back to Scotland, even though NASL club Minnesota Kicks was interested in signing him.

After his successful season with Pollok, he had offers from Hamilton Academicals, Ayr United and Heidelberg-Alexander. Striker Derek Lea, who had returned to Pollok from Heidelberg, told him he'd enjoy Australia, so he decided to give it a go.

If he goes back to Scotland, he wants to take a championship medal with him — not to mention the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer's award.

Stevenson close to Garvey's 10-goal target

By LAURIE SCHWAB

back to midfield, and he finished up as striker. There's always a communication problem at Olympic Park, with the coach so far away, but mainly there was a lack of communication between the players themselves.

George Christopoulos has more "hell of a difference" to Heidelberg, says Stevenson. "He's always there for the ball, he's cool and calm, he's got a good football brain and he sprays the ball around the park, giving our other midfielders, Theo Selemidis and Mike Valentine, more chances to get forward. It's funny though: we played against Caldera when he was there and I thought: Who's this guy Christopoulos? He did nothing."

"But with George in the team now, all the other players are more on their toes. Steve Tasios lost his place to George, and now everyone's thinking: If I don't play my weight, I'll be out, and I will be out. Some of the players I included — get a bit complacent, thinking they'll get a game automatically, that's why you need someone breathing down your neck all the time."

Much was made of Steven-

son's axing from the team during the Buffalo Cup night series, which Heidelberg went on to win. "I wanted to go to the Rod Stewart concert, and Brian Garvey said OK, providing it wasn't on a training night. I went ahead and got tickets for a Wednesday, but will be out. Some of the players will be out. Some of the players I included — get a bit complacent, thinking they'll get a game automatically, that's why you need someone breathing down your neck all the time."

Stevenson, Fawkner coach

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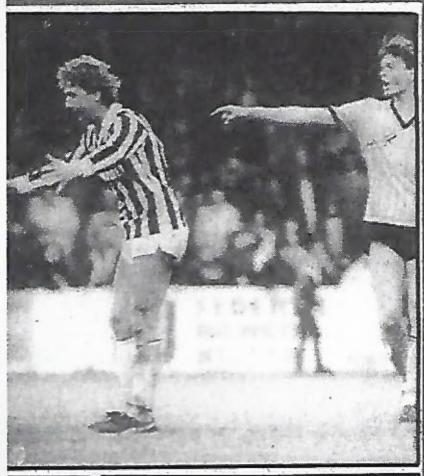
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athinaikos with a 1-0 semi final second-leg victory in Athens, Mark Lawrenson scoring after an hour.

But Cup winners' Cup-holder Juventus had to withstand a fierce comeback by French champions before qualifying for its third final appearance in Brussels on March 29.

Juventus took what appeared a comfortable 3-0 lead to France but eventually scraped through by a single goal after Dieter Mueller and Patrick Battiston reduced the deficit in the 24th and 79th minutes.

Liverpool, seeking its fifth Champions' Cup victory, was without its goalscoring sensation Ian Rush who had missed two domestic matches because of a knee injury, but John Wark, scorer of 23 goals in 32 European games, recovered from a stomach strain in time.

Captain Phil Neal lined up for his 72nd European match despite a broken nose.

Meanwhile, the Polish-born coach of Panathinaikos, had issued a warning that he would have his revenge for his team's 0-4 first-leg loss and, indeed, Liverpool coach Joe Fagan was moved to remark after the game.

"The players did a magnificent job of containment because Panathinaikos played very well indeed."

For the only goal of the game, Liverpool's forward

changed passes with Irish colleague Ronnies Whelan, then slipped the ball past Panathinaikos goalkeeper Thomas Laffitis from close in to take the aggregate score to 5-0.

Though Thanasis Dimopoulos and Dimitris Sarakavos went close in the 65th and 71st minutes, Liverpool had long since imposed its mastery on the Greeks.

Apart from the final outcome of their ties, both Liverpool and Juventus will be equally pleased none of their star names will be missing in Brussels because of suspension.

Scots Kenny Dalglish, Alan Hansen and Kevin MacDonald were among six Liverpool players cautioned earlier in the competition and another yellow card in Athens would have meant automatic suspension.

Juventus too, was relieved to see French sorcerer Michel Platini and World Cup midfielder Marco Tardelli emerge unscathed in Bordeaux — although six other players were cautioned in a torrid 90 minutes.

While the Italians will probably start narrow favorites to lift the trophy in Brussels, just as Roma did against Liverpool last season, Juventus will not have forgotten

Roma on top of a completed

Abonyi or Watkiss for Rockdale?

Ilija Takac quit as coach of Rockdale Linden last week due to health reasons and former Socceros Attie Abonyi and Johnny Watkiss are the front runners for the vacancy.

Takac coached Rockdale for two seasons, taking the club to a win in last year's Grand Final against Inter Monaro.

Jimmy Jareckevski, Rockdale's young president, was stunned by the resignation and was full of praise for the work done by Takac, whose successor will be appointed this week.

Meanwhile, only Canterbury and Fairy Meadow played their final round match last weekend, with the other games falling foul of the big downpour in Sydney.

Melita Eagles took the points last Thursday at Jensen Park to go to the lead in the NSW State League, while Fairy Meadow jumps into the third spot after taking a point from Canterbury at Arlington Oval on Sunday.

Bankstown 1 Melita 4

Scorers: Meerbanji (B), Farugia, Allan, Wilson, Vial (ME).

Venue: Jensen Park.

MELITA: Mullen 7, McPherson 7, Wilson 7, McAustralia 7, O'Rourke 6, Vial 6, Farugia 9, Linge 6 (Vial 46th, 7) — Walker 5, Allan 5, Hensman 5.

BANKSTOWN: Not available.

With goalposts in place at last, Melita and Bankstown battled through mud and slush in a deferred first round match with the Eagles showing far more enterprise in front goal.

The only thing that pleased Eagles supporters was win-

English trio available

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Martin Hirst, 23, is a midfield player who has played professionally with Bristol City. His address is 47 Leighton Road, Southville, Bristol BS3, England.

Jeff Woods is an experienced goalkeeper. He has played over 200 games with Charlton and also has played with Colchester and Exeter, Happy Valley in Hong Kong, and in Japan and Finland. He's a trained computer operator and his phone number is (392) 21 5081. His address is Flat E, St Loyes Court, Womford Street, Exeter, England.

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ning but the fare dished up at Jensen Park was best forgotten.

Jemal Meerbanji opened the Bankstown area in the first goal of the year. But the lead didn't last long. Ray Farugia, in his best display to date, turned the tide with power shooting.

He shot from just outside the penalty area and the Bankstown keeper had no chance and close to half time. Farugia unleashed yet another shot, this time the Bankstown keeper only could parity. Don Allan was on hand to score from the rebound.

Then came a customary Kenny Wilson header midway through the second half, before Lenny Vial closed the issue in the dying seconds of the game.

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Venue: Arlington Oval
Scorers: Fontana 4th,
55th, Kirwan 6th, Dounis Pen.
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CANTERBURY: Hummel 8 — Karaspiros 5 (Antonopoulos 6), Peni 6, Eftimadias 6, Hantzis 8 — Anagnosopoulos 5 (Petras 5), Fternatis 6, Bassis 6 — Silva 5, Dounis 5, Vial 6.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young — Chiby Jones, Berringer, Morlundo — Peil Richardson, Mowbray — Gerald Baker, Fontana.

After beating Manly and Rockdale, Fairy Meadow came to Arlington Oval with clear intentions of getting yet another two points but suffered

an early setback when Paul Kirwan made his way into the box to head past Young in the sixth minute.

John Karaspiros made an error close to half time to allow Fairy Meadow back into the game. His back-pass found Glen Fontana lurking close to the penalty area and scores were level.

Karaspiros sent off the previous week against Auburn Uruguay had the dubious distinction of being replaced at half time with Antonopoulos coming on at rightback.

A cross by Glen Fontana saw Fairy Meadow go into the lead 10 minutes after half time. Canterbury looked beaten at that stage, with Fairy Meadow looking dangerous.

However, with only 12 minutes to go, an indiscretion inside the Fairy Meadow penalty area gave Canterbury the chance to snatch a point. Louis Djounis took the resultant penalty and made it 2-2.

Joe Spoljar was meeting with the St Albans Dinamo committee as we went to press and rumor was ripe that Spoljar would be sacked and Tony Vrzina appointed manager-coach.

Dinamo's finest day so far this season came a few weeks back when it defeated Fawkner at Smith Reserve but my sources tell me that last weekend's 2-3 loss to Northcote was met with great displeasure by a number of Dinamo committee members, who then called the meeting with Spoljar.

Northcote also made a very tentative approach to Vrzina a couple of weeks ago, not to replace Jimmy Pyrgoulis as coach, but to become club manager.

However, should Spoljar and Dinamo part company, then it's understood that Vrzina will take over.

Luck certainly hasn't been on Spoljar's side this season as he's been unable to field a settled combination and frankly, Dinamo needs another two top class players to really establish itself in State League. But the club is well supported and shouldn't have any problems getting the players it needs, should it decide to buy.

Dinamo take on Frankston Pines on Saturday at Monterey Reserve in what will be a really big challenge for the visitors as Pines are starting to get their act together and look as definite top four candidates for mine.

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Overseas

Despite all their troubles, Wolverhampton Wanderers have offered Tommy Docherty a new one-year contract.

Eight members of France's 1984 European Championship winning side, Didier Six, Max Bossis, Alain Giresse, Dominique Rocheteau, Jean Tigana, Bernard Genghini, Bernard Lacombe and Patrick Batiston, have been awarded the Order of Civil Merit. Michel Platini received the more prestigious Legion of Honor late last year.

Fayenoord's Ruud Gullit is the Dutch Footballer of the Year.

Aberdeen's loss to Dundee United in the Scottish Cup semi-final was its first defeat in that competition since February 1981.

Tony Barton, manager of Aston Villa when it won the European champions' Cup three years ago, has resigned from Northampton Town, last of the 92 English League clubs.

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Spoljar out, Vrzina in?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

There's still no word yet on John Little's move to Polonia. Officials from Polonia and Shepparton Macedon, Little's last club, were meeting this week to try and thrash things out.

Janusz Przybyla and Leszek Gogorcuk still are sidelined

through injury but midfielder

Davie Gibson came on as a sub

in the second half against Knox

last weekend, so he

should certainly be in Polonia's line-up for Sunday's clash with Springvale City at Ra-

leigh Reserve.

City's start to its first season in State League has been abysmal but if its players can keep their heads up, results should come, although Polonia deservedly will start favorite here.

Tommy Traynor was appointed coach of Albion Park. The club fired on the transfers of Radovanovic JUST and Nasir Eminovski from Brunswick Juventus.

Both players had been training with Albion for the past few weeks.

Traynor has a huge job on his hands and facing Box Hill at Selwyn Park on Saturday won't make things any easier.

Croydon should beat Knox at Croydon Park on Sunday. Alex Lingwood played up front against Western Suburbs last weekend and did well, but it's in midfield that Croydon appears to hold a decided edge here and the home team should get enough of the ball to create chances for its front runners.

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WAVERLEY CITY 3 (Grimwade 21st). **Victorian Second Division match at Bell Park, Saturday.**

ELTHAM: Carey 8, Anagnostou 7, Cochran 7, Shaw 8, Hadic 7, Moulos 8, Curcile 8 (Starfire 6), Isom 8, Cubley 7, Schipano 8, Norton 8.

BELL PARK: Venjak 7, Mazza 8, Thompson 8 (Rhodes 70th), Train 7, Tutone 8, Smilavski 8, Watters 9.

WAVELER CITY: Ditch 1, Coulter, Patterson, Danson, Wilson 8, Stacey, Jackie (Kearns), Wilcox 8, Giannone, Gammie, Drudge 8 (Turner).

WAVELER CITY restructured its forward line against Dandenong and produced three goals — its best return in league matches this season.

Terry Grimwade, playing as a wide striker instead of in his usual midfield role, put Waverley ahead with a precise shot after 15 minutes. Waverley

dominated the first half, but its enterprising attacking play was not converted into goals.

This pattern continued after the interval. Waverley failed to score more chances and Dandenong's goalkeeping was sent off for allegedly using abusive language toward the referee. Ironically, this spurred a Dandenong revival and substitute Les Nagy scored against the run of play.

Waverley regained concentration and finally scored the goals which killed off Dandenong's enthusiasm. Tommy Gamers poked home the ball in a goalmouth scramble and later supplied the pass for Norm Wilcox to head home.

BARKERS BITTEN

MOOROOLBARK 0 YALLOUR 1 (Paine 88th). Victorian Third Division match at Esther Park, Saturday.

Injuries took their toll at Esther Park when the Barkers went down to league leader Yallourn 0-1.

The only goal of the match came late in the game off the boot of Gavin Paine, the former Melbourne striker who trialled with English club Coventry City.

The first half saw Yallourn take control through its midfield with Mark Hiriart, Sacha Pavilović and Trevor Howard.

Ronnie Ryan played his 400th game for Victorian Provisional League club Clayton in its First Division clash with Williamstown two weeks ago.

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Box Hill	3	2	1	14	8	8
Thomastown	2	3	1	11	11	7
West Suburbs	3	1	2	10	10	7
F'ston Pines	2	2	2	13	11	6
Northcote	1	3	2	7	10	5
Knox City	2	1	3	5	12	5
St Alb Dinamo	2	0	4	9	18	4
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Springvale	0	1	5	5	12	1
R. Wilhelmmina	0	1	5	4	15	1

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 FAWKNER 1 (Cozzella 10th) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 6 - Bannon 7, Adams 8, Luyten 5, Fitzpatrick 6 - Luca 6, Malt 5 (Matthews 77th), Bentley 7 - D'Amico 7, Nelson 6 (K. Humble 67th), Bell 7. Coach: Ian Greener.

FAWKNER: Terzini 6 - Jolevski 6, Macleod 7, Fattore 6, Mancini 7, Bell 7, Quigley 6, Sabatino 5 - Palinkas 6, Cozella 7, Loughnane 6 (Hobson 72nd). Coach: Gus Macleod.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Adams (Spring).

2 Boyle (Fawkner), 1 D'Amico (Spring).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Rastocic 9th, Morovic 65th) NORTHCOTE 3 (P. Constantino 15th, Patsakos 25th, Filippis penalty 85th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 6 - S. Grigic 6, Ramjik 7, D'Amico 6, H. Grigic 6, Bozic 7, Macleod 7, L. Grigic 6, R. Grigic 7, Culina 6, Rastocic 6 - Bruno 5, Morovic 7. Coach: Joe Spojlar.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 - Patiniotis 6, Cutler 7, Bozic 7, Kouroumenos 6 - Moshidis 7, Wilson 7 (inj. Bekiaris 75th), Tosi 7 - P. Constantino 7, Patsakos 7, Filippis 7. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgiopoulos.

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MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Cassar 6th, Athersych penalty 40th, Stirtton 86th) ALBION TURK GUCU 0 at North Crichton Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 7 - Palermo 7, Bruns 9, Tutili 7, Train 7, Van Baar 7, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 7, Cassar 8 - Attouch 7, Stirtton 7, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

ALBION TURK GUCU: Cipri 6 - Behic 5 (Bennett 75th), Gatt 6, Jovicic 7, Douglas 8 - Purcell 6, Reilly 7, Alfonso 7 - Patisman 5, Gilmour 5, Eminski 5. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

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RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Nyholm 4th) FRANK-STON PINES 3 (Thomas 20th, penalty 66th, Webster 35th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 4 - Haupt 7, Corke 5, Murray 5, Wemys 5 (sent off 80th) - Meyer 6 (inj. Burton 80th), Stom 6, Shandor 6 - Wells 7 (inj. van Damond 70th), Nyholm 7, Stewart 7, Goss 7. Coach: John Stewart.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 7 - Cumping 7, Lawson 7, Ar-metro 6 (Millar 35th), Fenn 7 - Cooke 7, Cullen 7, Ross 7, - Dick 7 (McGinnis 70th, sent off 80th), Webster 8, Thomas 8. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bruns (MF), 2 Douglas (Albion), 1 Cassar (MF).

THOMASTOWN 2 (Lakic 20th, B. Coyle 70th) BOX HILL 2 (Roodhouse 25th, Azzopardi 50th) at Partidge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7 - Di Berardino 7, Cosentino 7, Arcoraci 7, Corfano 7 - Lakic 7, Di Martino 8, B. Coyle 8, Franceschi 5 (N), Constantino 55th) - Lahm 7, Fragiacomo 7, Goss 7, Wilson 7, BOX HILL: Harrington 7, Brooks 6, Basic 7, McMillan 7, Rood-house 7 - Azzopardi 7, Taylor 6 (Lawton H.T. 6), Kerr 7, Beech 7 - French 7, Livingstone 8. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

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KNOX CITY 0 POLONIA 0 at Egan Lee Reserve, Sunday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 7 - Loy Saisi 7, Smith 7, Bissinger 8, Byrne 8 - Pilbeam 6 (McLachlan 65th), Murray 8, Wild 7 - Tunstall 7, Pate 7, Hawthorne 6. Coach: Duncan Smith.

POLONIA: Dzielkowski 7 - Lipiarski 7, Smolarek 7, Innes 7, Vojna 7 - G. Czapnik 6, P. Czapnik 6 (Gibson 65th), Avian 6, Kolaric 6 - Auld 6, Warszawski 6. Coach: Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bissinger (Knox), 2 Byrne (Knox), 1 Murray (Knox).

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Stenson 51st) CROYDON CITY 1 (Singleton 15th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachis 7 - Hammill 7, Dimovski 6, Esposto 7, Howe 7 - K. Coyle 8, Katsantonis 7, Beattie 6 - Bouras 7 (Meletis), Stenson 8, McGuinness 8. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

CROYDON CITY: Whiteside 7 - Brown 7, Singleton 8, O'Reilly 7, Tansey 7 - McDonald 7, Taylor 6 (Ollerton H.T. 6), Kerr 7, Beech 7 - French 7, Livingstone 8. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Livingstone (C).

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SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

Schipano Home Furnishers are sponsoring our 1985 State League Player of the Year award. The winner receives \$1,000 worth of furniture of his choice.

Leading votegivers:

13 - Livingstone (Knox), Dimovski (Suburbs), Adams (Springvale), Webster (Pines), 9 - MacLean (Falcons), Culina (Dinamo) 8 - Costantino (Thomastown), 7 - McMillan (Box Hill), 6 - A. Humble, Harrison (Box Hill), Warszawski (Polonia), 5 - Boyle (Fawkner), Bruns (Falcons), Bissinger (Falkons), Bissi-

nger (Knox), Dimovski (Suburbs), Adams (Springvale), Webster (Pines),

4 - Wilson, Giannopoulos (Northcote), Tansey (Croydon), Verchick (Box Hill), Cozella (Fawkner), Paate (Knox), Stenson (Suburbs), Bannon (Springvale), Morovic (Dinamo), Raponi (Thomastown).

3 - Cozella (Fawkner), Sirton (Falcons), McGuinness (Suburbs), Lakic (Thomastown)

3 - Palinkas (Fawkner), P. Czapnik, Auld (Polonia), Filippis (Northcote), Webster (Pines), Flaherty (Thomastown).

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VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai international.

Leading scorers:

8 - A. Humble (Box Hill), 6 - Athersych (Falcons), Morovic (Dinamo), 5 - French (Croy), Warszawski (Polonia), Thomas (Pines)

4 - Cozella (Fawkner), Sirton (Falcons), McGuinness (Suburbs), Lakic (Thomastown)

3 - Palinkas (Fawkner), P. Czapnik, Auld (Polonia), Filippis (Northcote), Webster (Pines), Flaherty (Thomastown).



Fawknar, sponsored for \$18,000 by Preston Motors Mitsubishi, back row, left to right: Frank Macleod, Cesare Fattore, Colin Quigley, Tony Costa, Rob Terzini, Fabio Angele, Andy Heap, Ralph Petrucci. Front: Frank Sabbatino, Joe Palinkas, Bruno Cozella, Peter Boyle, Gary Hobson, Ian Loughnane, Fabio Mancinelli, George Jolevski.

McGorian to Springvale?

Springvale 0
Fawkner 1

Scorers: Cozella 10th.

Venue: Ross Reserve.

Springvale is rumored to be interested in transfer listed Sunshine-George Cross striker Mick McGowan.

Certainly, McGowan would make a big difference up front but the Vales are falling down in other areas. The word is that coach sweater Keith Adams might be used more in midfield from now on, with perhaps Ged Bannon switching from right back to sweeper. But that's just talk at this stage.

I was impressed with the way Fawknar stopper Frank Macleod handled himself against Springvale. Big Macleod was kicked a couple of times and one of the Springvale players yet to prove himself in State League mouthed off at Macleod, who took it all

well. Fawknar got the points but, frankly, failed to impress as a title contender. Still, this season is young and with Andrew Heap and Fabio Angele to return, coach Gus Macleod will be able to prove the benefits of far more competition among his players for first team spots.

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On the other hand, the home side pinned Croydon back in its box in the second half and was a shade unlucky not to grab the points.

The Croydon goal was one of those you don't see often. Defender David Singleton, finding himself deep in enemy territory and loose on the left flank, looked up, measured the distance then thumped in a 25-metre drive that was destined for the net the second it left his boot.

There and then, Croydon committed the cardinal sin of not ramming home its advantage. It got its goal, thought it was all over and rested on its laurels.

Western Suburbs changed all that in the 51st minute. Peter Ollerton, on for Ken Tisch, confronted by John Cameron. It was he who beat Dagnall then Bannon to square the ball to Goran Runje who slipped it past Barbas in the 43rd minute.

The second half saw a more determined Melbourne which pinned in Mornington in the first 20 minutes of this period. The home side's defence stood firm though and clear cut chances were few. Mornington came forward in the 71st minute and a high ball came into the Melbourne area. The Melbourne keeper came out to collect under pressure, but his fumble and dropped it straight to the feet of a surprised Kevin Wali, who only had to steady and place the ball past the stranded Barbas.

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SUNWADING CITY HITS BACK

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IS SANTOS SET FOR STARDOM?

Sunshine-George Cross, Green Gully or Footscray J.U.S.T. — where will 17 year old Keilor Austria midfielder Pedro Santos go next year?

Santos was set to join J.U.S.T. before leaving with his parents on a trip back to his native Uruguay late last year. He returned in January this year to find that J.U.S.T. had changed presidents and it was with former president Zilka Karic that Santos had reached agreement.

"A guy from Green Gully spoke to me last year and I used to go to school with Gerry Maxwell, Peter Kallich and a few others in Gully's youth team, so maybe I'll try my luck there," said Santos.

But playing in Second Division this season won't do him any harm.

"Second Division is very physical. Often it's the toughest team that wins but certainly a bit of skill helps."

His coach at Austria, Billy McIntyre, thinks that the youngster has more than just a bit of skill.

"He could be special. His attitude is the key," said McIntyre.

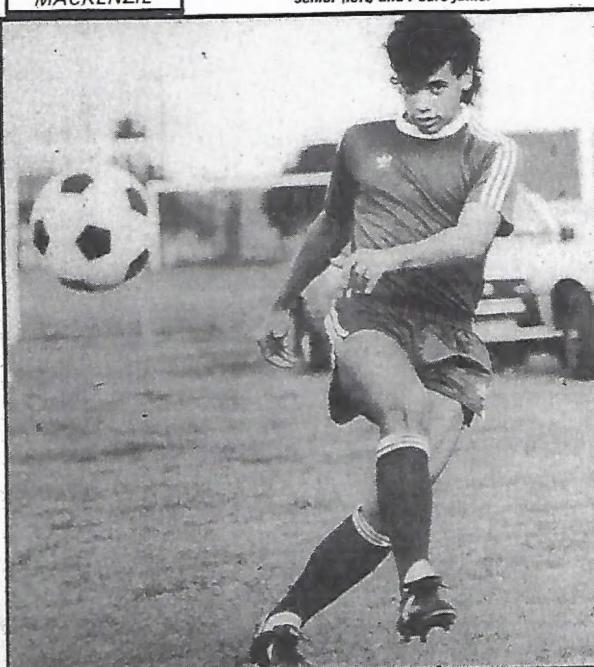
"His main weakness is simply believing in himself. He sees himself as a right back and certainly, he has fine qualities for that role. He's not afraid, he's quite quick off the mark, he beats players comfortably without being over-elaborate and he kills the ball like a typical South American — he's got a great feel for the ball."

"But I can see him developing into an outstanding midfielder. I went to the recent Green Gully-Croatia match and I honestly could see young Pedro fitting into that environment, keeping in mind that he's still young and he's playing in Second

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



The Santos connection at Keilor Austria — Pedro senior (left) and Pedro junior



Pedro Santos junior in action

Division. He's got a lot of things going for him but I keep coming back to his attitude. That's going to make or break him and make me either a liar or a good judge."

The Santos connection at Austria is rock-solid. Pedro senior, a former Uruguayan junior representative, has been with Austria for over 10

years and coached Pedro junior during that time.

"To tell you the truth, I felt a bit of pressure when Dad was coaching me and I think that having Billy as coach is better. I'm a lot more relaxed under him," said youngster.

The youngster came to Australia with his family in 1972 and started off in Australia's under 10's. He made his first team debut when he was 15, so how does the three-year senior "veteran" think that Austria will go this season?

"We started off badly but we're picking up. It's going to take a top team effort for us to get promoted but we've got the players to do it."

New men for Dutch, Howe facing axe?

Overseas round-up with PAUL MOON

Dutch trainer Leo Beenhakker last week named an initial 17-man squad for the Netherlands' World Cup qualifying match against Austria in Rotterdam today (Wednesday).

Beenhakker made small changes in the line-up which beat Cyprus 7-1 in a European group five match in Amsterdam in February. He dropped defender Peter Boeve and forward Marco Van Basten and Rudolf Galjaard.

The new men are Basteren Frank Rijkaard, who played in the national side last year against Hungary, and midfielder Michel van de Korp, whose last match for the Netherlands was against Spain in 1983.

Beenhakker still has to decide between defenders Edo Ophof, who has a knee injury, and Sonny Silooy.

If Ophof is pronounced fit after a practice match on Sunday, he will get a place. The squad is:

GOALKEEPERS: Hans Van Breukelen, Joop Hiele.

DEFENDERS: Edo Ophof, Sonny Silooy, Frank Rijkaard, Ernie Brander, Ben Wijnstekers, Adrie Van Tiggelen.

MIDFIELDERS: Dick Schoenaker, Michel van de Korp, Willy van de Kerkhof, Michel Valke, Erwin Koeman.

FORWARDS: Simon Tahamata, Rene van der Gijp, Willem Kieft, Peter Houtman.

A West German international midfielder Rudy Bommers is being transferred from Fortuna Dusseldorf to cup finalist Bayer Uerdingen next season, the clubs said last week.

No fee was disclosed but Bommers, 28, who won the last of his six caps against Argentina last September, is thought to be costing Bayer 880,000 marks (\$447,900). The Kreisfeld club meets Bayern Munich in the cup final on May 26.

But vice-chairman David Dein insisted sternly: "The Arsenal board make their own decisions and not under the influence of outside parties."

However, history is on Dein's side. Howe's predecessor, Terry Neill, claims in

his just-published book, "Revelations of a Football Manager", that the Arsenal action group was responsible for his sacking last year!

As expected, Brazilian national team coach Macedo Evaristo omitted 10 overseas-based stars from his squad to contest South American World Cup qualifying Group Three games commencing on June 2. Only three players, Oscar, Eder and Carlos, survive from the 1982 Mundial party.

• Wilibert Kremer, coach of struggling Fortuna Dusseldorf, received a nasty shock when returning from a scouting trip in Austria — finding that his former assistant, Dieter Breit, had replaced him. Breit, 34, is the youngest coach in the Bundesliga.

• Wolfgang Röhl of SV Hamburg has been added to West Germany's national squad.

• Bill Asprey, manager of English first division stragglers Stoke City, has been suspended for an indefinite period by the club's board of directors for what they term "events on and off the field."

• Eintracht Brunswick sacked its Yugoslav coach Aleksander Reistic.

• A new trophy, named in honor of the late UEFA president Artemio Franchi, will be inaugurated on August 21 in France, when the host nation meets Uruguay. The trophy is to be contested every four years by the European and South American champions, with the venue alternating between the two continents.

• Sam Weaver, a star with Newcastle United and England in the early 1930s, has died aged 75.

• Real Madrid coach Amancio Amaro has resigned after a series of disappointing results.

• Ernie Taylor, one of the great characters of British football in the 1920s and 30s, has died. He played for Newcastle United, Blackpool, Manchester United and England (his one cap was gained in the 3-6 tour of Hungary) and died recently. He was 59.

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Hermiston lasts 7 minutes, Patikas powers NSW



By RICKY ROSSO

QUEENSLAND 1 (Wheeler 56th). NSW 3 (Patikas 55th & 84th, Kosmina 58th), at Perry Park, Brisbane. Crowd: 5318. Referee: Bill Montevede 8.

QLD: Wishart 7, Jackson 8, Hermiston (Archer 7th, Tj. Hunter 8, Niven 7, Reis 6 [Milman 73rd], R. Stewart 6, J. Stewart 7, Odden 8, Wright 7, Wheeler 8. Coach: Bruce Stowell.

NSW: Greedy 7, Gomez 8, Robertson 8, Ratcliffe 7, Bertogna 7, Watson 6, McCullagh 8, Savor 6 (Tredinnick 50th), Patikas 9, Kosmina 8, Arnold 8. Coach: Alan Vest.

The playing career of

**Man of the match:
JIM PATIKAS
(NSW)**

Jim Hermiston as NSL Player of the Year

Solving the midfield mystery

Then came the 'world tour'. By now Davidson was missing and so was Cant. In came Crino and Savor.

Of the 12 matches Murphy and McCullagh played, in six for the 90 minutes and in 4 and 2 respectively for part of the games.

Watson had 4 full and 4 part matches while Crino played 3 for the 90 minutes and 7 part games. Six times Crino came on as a sub — either for Murphy or for Raskopoulos.

Personally, I believe Frank Arok already has made up his mind about his midfield. At least for the May and August internationals.

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He will use the Murphy-Crino-McCullagh trio whenever he needs three midfielders, adding Watson when he wants four.

But that will be rare. Arok likes to play with a defensive reserve behind his four full-backs and this doesn't allow for four midfielders.

The only other midfielder he will use regularly is Raskopoulos who will then replace Crino.

In whatever combinations and permutations Arok will shuffle his available midfielders, there won't be one 'Australian' among them.

More than any other soccer commodity — yes, even more than strikers — we cannot produce quality pre-bred Australian midfielders.

Not that it matters much, really. As long as we can produce enough of the 'non-pure' types of migrant background.

And in that field the harvest is rich enough: McCullagh, Crino, Patikas, Katholos, Raskopoulos, Savor, Villani, Gajic, Manour, Melita, Iloski, Semelidis, Belic, Fazic and others.

At the moment, Oscar Crino strikes me as the most brilliant midfield talent. But I am not sure whether he will develop into a truly great star.

In the late 1970s Gary Marocchi was the player I tipped for the greatness, the Warran-sized heights, but he didn't quite make it, for a number of reasons.

Lets hope Crino will get his chance — and will seize it, too.

They were soon left behind after an exciting spell 10 minutes into the second half.

The period saw Jim Patikas net for NSW, as the young Queenslanders stopped for offside, Dave Wheeler semi-automatically equalised, then Kosmina crush the euphoria of the equaliser when he rounded Kim Wishart to put the blues ahead.

Patikas settled the matter in the 8th minute with a fine headed goal.

And it was the unpredictable brilliance of Patikas that caught the eye of national coach Frank Arok, who was in Brisbane to watch the annual interstate clash.

"He stood out. People were asking who he was. He is the type of player we need for the national squad," Arok said.

And sadly for Queensland, who had high hopes for Jackson, Hunter, Niven and Wright to gain Socceroo berths, Arok was not impressed with the maroon men. He even said he



New South Wales, from left, back row: Alan Vest (coach), Wally Savor, Vic Bozanic, David Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy, John Kosmina, Jim Patikas, Graham Arnold. Front: Grant Lee, Peter Tredinnick, Alex Robertson, Joe Watson, Gerardo Gomez (seated), Arno Bertogna, Tommy McCullagh. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

thought Hunter and Niven were over-weight.

"There is not one living creature who can get into the national squad unless he is better or different from any other player. I have already picked."

"Those in the squad are doing the job with maximum commitment."

"Newcomers have to be something different and the only players who offered that to this match were Patikas and Gomez," Arok said.

The pair are certain to be named this week in Arok's squad for the forthcoming international series against Spurs, Udinese and Vas O Da Gama.

And Arok is confident of a good showing by the Socceroos. "We are in a good position — we have more than enough good players. It is just

a matter of sorting through them during the series and removing any question marks," he said.

Although Lions have performed well in the southern division of the national league, the seven players from the club who took the field for Queensland could not do enough to win Arok's praise.

"The Lions players are good club players but there is one player who is definitely better than any other already in the national squad," Arok said.

"Even Danny Wright, who I had picked before, has lost a lot because of his year off through injury. There was an incident in the second half where he had only David Ratcliffe to beat to score. Two years ago he would have done it. Today, Ratcliffe got the ball."

Despite disappointment at losing, when a win seemed within Queensland's grasp, state coach Bruce Stowell could not criticise his players.

"I was thrilled to bits with everyone. I think if Hermiston had been on the park we would have been better organised. We lost because we lost concentration and the belief in our own ability," Stowell said.

NSW coach Alan Vest was pleased with his side's showing despite an interrupted and limited preparation.

"I would like to see more interstate games and I am sure NSW would win a full interstate series. But where would you fit one in under the present programme?"

But Queensland and NSW almost certainly will meet again in Brisbane next year.

lio, per motivi di cassetta, per tutti i motivi di questo mondo.

Se otto partite non sono state sufficienti ad amalgamare la squadra, a trovare una formula di gioco più redditizia, a crearsi la giusta fiducia nei propri mezzi, si può soltanto concludere che Juventus intende usare il campionato come un lungo rodaggio... in preparazione alla Coppa Italia.

E a proposito di Coppa Italia, la competizione di fine anno cui partecipano le squadre italiane di Melbourne, il comitato organizzatore della competizione informa che lunedì 13 maggio, al Croxton Italian Espresso Bar di Gino Maticradice (539 High Street, Northcote) si terrà la prima riunione dei club per organizzare l'edizione 1985 della Coppa.

E' bene che il comitato organizzatore, ed i club partecipanti, vandano a tale riunione dopo un profondo esame di conoscenza sul recente storia della competizione che sembra stia scendendo di anno in anno principialmente per l'esagerato "cattivo sangue" che si è andato creando fra i vari club.

Quest'anno e' stato la volta del "caso Triestino" ad esacerbare una situazione già precaria. Il club alabardato, ad onor del vero, non si e' mai distinto eccessivamente per spese di collaborazione e per aver sempre accettato le "condizioni" (o le cosi' dette "injustizie") che sono sempre eventualita' di ogni sport, di ogni torneo, di ogni partita.

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Speriamo che si sia toccato il fondo in questa contrapposizione lotta a darsi la zappasui piedi. La Coppa Italia, come concezione e come intenti, dovrebbe essere un festival di sportività e di italianoità che ogni anno riattizzi il fuoco dell'amicizia e della collaborazione fra i club che, almeno a parole, giurano di voler il progresso di questo

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FORZA JUVE!

Questo e' un
sito che noi, e molti
tifosi della Juventus,
continuiamo a porci
di settimana in setti-
mana nel vedere
"squadroni" di Mar-
garitis giocare come
una "squadretta" os-
sessionata dal fan-
tasma della retro-
cessione che cerca di
rosicchiare pareggi a
tutti i costi per non
insabbiarsi nella zona
bassa della classifica.

Concesso che l'inizio del
campionato non sia stato tan-
to favorevole, concesso
che il pubblico di nuovi giocatori
e il pubblico di ruoli di altri
surgessere una certa pru-
denza, ormai il campionato e'
abbastanza avanza da aspet-
tarsi che tutti i rottami
messe a punto della squadra
fossero finite e che la forma-
zione ingranasse la quaria e
cominciasse a giocare con la
convincione dei suoi mezzi e
con l'autorità che si addice a
una candidata allo scudetto.

Invece anche domenica
scorsa, all'ottava di campionato
e contro un George Cross
che e' appunto una
squadretta che cerca di sal-
varsi a giustificato ritmo
ricorre a qualsiasi stratagemma
per rossicchiare punti, la Ju-
ventus e' uscita dal campo con
un debole risultato ad acci-
chiali che in effetti significa la
perdita di un punto (non il gua-
dagnio di un punto secondo la
fallace teoria che un pareggio
esterno e' un punto guadagna-
to).

Una squadra imbottita di
giocatori, o almeno di ottimi
giocatori, che si fa impazzire
da una formazione garibaldina
su un nulla di fatto viene giu-
stificata attesa dei tifosi
e fa appunto sorgere la
necessita di domandarsi "Ma
di cosa ha paura questa Ju-
ventus che gioca con tanta
asagerata prudenza e che
sembra essere ossessionata
non perdere?"

Joe Caruso, il direttore tec-
nico della Juventus al quale bis-
ogna almeno dar merito di
non trovarsi mai a corto di
parole quando cerca di giu-
stificare certi aspetti negativi
della squadra, parlando della
partita contro il George Cross
se n'è uscito con una delle sue
perle che lo hanno reso famo-

"Domenica scorsa i nostri
giocatori avevano paura che
dall'erba alta del campo
potesse sbucare qualche ser-
pente!" Ovviamente queste e'
un modo di dire di Caruso per
drammatisare lo stato pietoso
del campo di gioco. Ma,
senza volerlo, egli ha forse
creato con la sua "trovata"
un'immagine molto appri-
priata della mentalita' della
squadra: una paura esasperata
da un pericolo immaginario,
di una fissazione quasi,
che rattrappisce la squadra e
non le permette di esprimersi
secondo le sue reali possibili-

Alia Juventus, dal presidente Schiavello, all'allora
Margaritis, Joe Caruso, all'ul-
timo dei giocatori, sembra che
tutti abbiano sviluppato il paura
di perdere, un po' come chi non
riesce a muotore perché e' ter-
rorizzato di annegare!

Lo abbiamo detto prima e
siamo costretti a ripeterlo fino
alla noia che la Juventus puo' e
deve fare molto di piu' per
giustificare le sue ambizioni
discutendo, per giustificare la
sua non indifferente campagna
acquisti, per giustificare la
richiesta di maggior sostegno
morale e finanziario dei tifosi,
secondo le sue reali possibili-

Quattro pareggi in otto par-
tite non costituiscono un
record di cui esereusentissimo
il non perdere da sette setti-
mane e una verita' mozza alla
quale bisogna aggiungere
che in otto partite si e' vinto solo
tre volte.

Anche per la classifica il
vantaggio dei pareggi e' solo
superficiale perchc' quattro
pareggi corrispondono alla
stessa perdita di punti di due
sconfitte.

I pareggi, per intendersi,
dicono di considerare positivi per
le squadrette che cercano di
rossicchiare punti, non per gli
"squadroni" che cercano di vin-
cere il campionato.

I tifosi che sono rimasti
delusi nelle ultime settimane
e specialmente domenica
scorsa, quando hanno
dovuto deludere la loro
scommessa di vincere
una "chance" e dimentichino l'aff-
rettato giuramento di non an-
darla a vedere.

Quattro pareggi in otto par-
tite, e' la paura che le
avversarie, insieme a
tutte le avversarie, impo-
gnano la loro difensiva, e
se dovesse perdere qualche
partita non sara' certo la fine
del mondo.

Speriamo che domenica
prossima, contro il forte Hei-
delberg, la Juventus si decide-
ra' ad uscire dal guscio ed es-
primersi con convinzione ed
autorita'.

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e specialmente domenica
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scommessa di vincere
una "chance" e dimentichino l'aff-
rettato giuramento di non an-
darla a vedere.

Sul campo di casa (on
l'erba tagliata alla misura
giusta e quindi senza la possi-
bilità di vedere spuntare
qualche serpente) i giocatori
bianconeri hanno l'occasione
ideale per far rimangiare
tutte le critiche, hanno l'op-
portunita' di far andare in visi-
bile le migliaia di tifosi che
accorreranno richiamati dall'i-
mportanza dell'incontro, hanno
l'avversario giusto per far vedere di che pasta sono
fatti.

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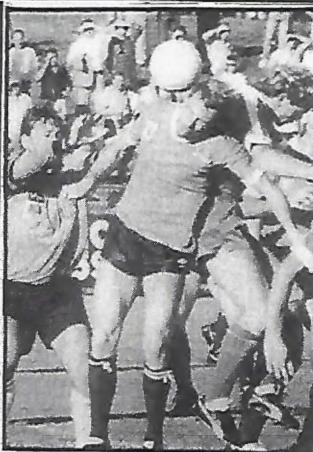
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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 9 4-5 MAY

SOUTHERN DIVISION



JOE CAIRNEY

BRISBANE LIONS
vs
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

at RICHLANDS
3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME
NUNAWADING CITY
vs
SUNSHINE GEORGE
CROSS
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

GREEN GULLY
vs
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

at GREEN GULLY RESERVE
3pm SATURDAY

YOUTH GAME
GREEN GULLY
vs
FRANKSTON PINES
12.45



DAVID SMALLMAN



GARY McDOWELL

STH MELB HELLAS
vs
MELB CROATIA

at MIDDLE PARK
3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME
STH MELB HELLAS
vs
MELB CROATIA
12.45

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
vs
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER

at OLYMPIC PARK No 2
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
vs
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER
12.45



EDDIE CAMPBELL



CON OPASINIS

PRESTON MAKEDONIA
vs
BRISBANE CITY

at CONNOR RESERVE
3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME
PRESTON MAKEDONIA
vs
CROYDON CITY
12.45

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS
vs
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

at OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD
2.30 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME
FAWKNER
vs
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



JOE CARROLL

NORTHERN DIVISION

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS vs APIA LEICHHARDT
at NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE 3 pm SUNDAY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs PENRITH CITY
at PRATTEN PARK 3 pm SUNDAY

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD vs SYDNEY CITY
at ADAMSTOWN OVAL 2.30 pm SATURDAY

ST GEORGE vs WOLLONGONG CITY
at ST GEORGE STADIUM 3 pm SUNDAY

MARCONI vs INTER MONARO
at MARCONI STADIUM 1 pm SUNDAY

BLACKTOWN CITY vs SYDNEY CROATIA
at MARCONI STADIUM 3 pm SUNDAY